Rec'd June 29th 1846
Ans Aug. 1st

My dear sir

I made diligent inquiry for the cactus which you spoke as being at this Post. Mrs Hunt, the mother in law of Capt Turner of the Dragoons who was out with the Expedition to the Rocky Mountains, hearing of my inquiries kindly told me that you should have one of a very choice kind now in St Louis at her residence, which she will send you when she returns home.

Turner considers it the rarest & choicest plant of the family, that was obtained.

We have been very unfortunate with the Clark Barometer, it sprung a leak in the cistern where the glass cylinder unites with the wooden base and I think is totally unfit for use at present as we have no means of uniting the glass & wood, properly. I think it was from this leak that the Mercury escaped in your Office which puzzled us to account for.

I found a very fine Buenten at the Hospital which Dr King of the Army has kindly turned over to me. This more than counterbalances for the loss of the

Clark. My Chronometers are running admirably
they have retained their rates with great uniformity
& I doubt not the general accuracy of the relative
Longitudes obtained with them.
However Our Military duties will be very considerable
and may deprive me of the opportunity of using
any of these instruments.

Very truly yrs

W H Emory

Fort Leavenworth

June 24th 1846

Dr Engelmann

St Louis

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Majr Wm H. Emory

Engineer
St Louis
Missouri

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Rec'd Aug 12th

My Dear Sir

I wrote you a long letter the other day which you have no doubt received, since then I got some of my cactus seed & send you herewith a few seed of the three most remark able varieties. The very smallest seed are those of Pilosa which grows to the height of 40 & 60 feet.

I hope now strong hopes of making something satisfactory out of the St Louis Barometric Observations

I am very truly Yr

Dr Engelmann

W H Emory

Augt 4th 1849

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Rec. Jan 25
Ans. Feb 13

Shelby Jany 14th 1848.

My dear Sir,

I send you by to Day's mail a package containing 13 or 14 drawings of Cacti of various Kind.

They are sent at the suggestion of Dr. Torrey, with the request that you will name them and return them to me at your earliest convenience by mail under cover to Colonel J. J. Abert. Ch: Corps Top. Engrs. for which you will receive due acknowledgment. I take great pleasure at the same time in communicating to you the high & deserved compliment which Dr. Torrey accords to your zeal in the cause of science & to your knowledge in this particular department of botany.

You know I could bring home no living specimens of the Cactus and the only plan left was that which I have followed of setting aside of the most remarkable & abundant.

There is a plant called by the Mexicans

the Pitahaya. Can you give me its botanical name. I have a very fine drawing of it intended to be sent in the package with the cacti, but it has gone by mistake to the Engravers.

The plant is two or ~~three~~ five feet in circumference, grows to the height of from 25 to 60 feet, sometimes a single column but more frequently branches thus it has about twenty volutes, but if I recollect correctly. no spines It bears a rich luscious fruit much relished by Indians & Mexicans.

A portion of the text of my journal has been published in New York, In the first number I have taken the liberty to introduce your name in recollection of the kind & efficient aid you rendered me in St Louis. I have not a copy or would send you one. The scientific names are horribly mutilated but the rest is well printed & the effect has been to remove all obstacles to printing my notes by Congress. When they are issued I will take care that you are furnished with a copy.

I am informed Torrey finds a rich deposit in the botanical specimens bought home by me. He has nearly completed the catalogue My maps & notes are now in the hands of the Engravers & printers, and it would be desirable for me to have the drawing, sent you returned at

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your earliest convenience.

I remain with great regard

Dr Engelmann

Very Truly Yr

W H Emory

I have been expecting any day for the last two months to start for Mexico to join my Regiment, but the prospect is only as remote as ever.

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Recd Febr 17th
Febr 26th

Bark. Feb 6th 1848

My dear Sir

Dr Lindheimer delivered your letter of the 1st Nov only a few days since (Feby 3d) which will account to you for so tardy a reply.

All the seed sent you were gathered on the Sabina River between the 32d & 33d parallels of Latitude and the 108th & 110th degree of Longitude.

The very small black seed were I think from the plant figured in my letter to you from the ——— and called by the Spaniards & Indians Pitahaya.

I await with great interest the return of the Drawings sent you. It was in the letter accompanying the Drawings of the cacti sent for that I figured roughly the plant bearing the black seed.

My report has been sent in to the Senate nearly six weeks, yet the public printer has not taken it in hand.

A large portion of it has been published in the New York papers, where they left out the part I most wished given in advance to the public. That is the introduction, where I name the limited means with which I had to operate & make my acknowledgement to my friends in St Louis, more particularly Jouzely & W. Carr

hell for the disinterested service you rendered me in the outfit of my party.

Present my kindest respects to Col. Campbell & believe me Augustus Fr

Dr. Engelmann

W. H. Emory

I am still here on this California difficulty, all packed up, for a start to Mexico, but not knowing exactly when this event is to take place.

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Rec'd March 3d
Ans March 12

My dear Sir,

On the 14th January, I sent you by mail some drawings of cacti, with the request that you would name them for me, and for which I would make all due acknowledgements.

Having no answer I have the package miscarried. As my little work is now nearly ready I will be obliged if you will return me the drawings at yr earliest convenience

I remain with great regard

Your Obliged friend

W. H. Emory

February 21st 1846

Dr Engelmann
St Louis

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Rec March 9th
Ans March 12

Washington February 26th 1848

My dear Sir,

On the eve of starting for Mexico I recieved your valuable & interesting papers of the 12th. Inst and I will avail myself of the permission given me to use it.

Omitting those parts of a private & Scientific character, but embracing the explanation that your descriptions are from drawings & not from specimens of the plant itself. Which drawings altho cleverly executed by Mr. Standley are not sufficiently anotomical. I felt this inconvenience at the time, but the nature of the service we were upon made it a matter of congratulation to get even that little we did.

Where the size is not specified the drawing is of the size of the plant,

I did collect & bring home part of all the plants drawn & should have sent them to you but they were in New York. When D. Torrey returned me the drawings & recommended they should be sent to you he did not send the specimens. I will get send them.

In the Factory papers furnished for my report under the head Cactaceæ he says

"Several interesting plants of this family were noticed by Col. Emory but they cannot be satisfactorily described from dried specimens. They are probably included among the numerous new species of Mexican Cactaceæ soon to be described by Dr Engelmann"

I divided all the seed which I brought home to the patentee into three portions One for Dr Torrey One for yourself and another for the patent office

Dr Torrey recommended his being on the spot Torrey was left by the interbureau waiting an opportunity to send and were destroyed by the

Sects during my absence on the Eastern Shore of Md.

I learn the same fate attended most of those given to Mr Hockadorn ps of the Patent office.

Dr Torrey looks forward with great interest to your paper in Dr Hitchcock's report and I warm in praise of your disinterested zeal in the cause of Science. I write Adams with great pleasure your purpose to let about the 1st of next Dec. I took him to see Professor Henry & offered to take him to see Professor Bache, but he had already made his acquaintance since then I hope not, the pleasure of seeing him the we have exchanged visits

I remain my dear Professor
Yours truly
J. W. Bailey

Dr Engelmann

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Aug 21 1849
Aug Aug 31

My Dear Doctor

I reached here yesterday from Mexico & without stopping to look at my book which is packed, I send you a copy that you may make a final ~~revise~~ proof of the paper furnished by yourself, in time for the 2d edition ordered by the Senate & House.

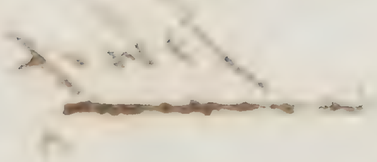
As I have returned from Mexico so much sooner than I expected I now regret very much I did not postpone the publication & my report to reconstruct it at my leisure However you must receive it as the work of the Camps and not of the closet.

If you find any errors in the ~~copying~~ printing of your paper, please send me a list at your earliest convenience

Dr Engelmann

I remain my dear Sir
very truly yrs
W H Emory

July 21 — 1849



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Rec'd Sept 28th
Ans Octob 11

Washington Sept 13th 1848

My dear Sir,

I have been waiting to answer your very interesting letter of 1st Inst. that I might receive the dried specimens of Cacti, overlook them & refresh my memory ~~before~~

But the specimens have not yet arrived

The drawing of the Lasura Mexicana was by Dr. Torrey's artists from the specimen, brought home by me which was in a very perfect state

The flower of the Fouquiera was also brought home; of this there was a drawing and the drawing no doubt must have led the Dr. into error. How Mr. Stanley usually so correct could have made the blunder is to me incredible, for the recollection of this beautiful plant the only one of the kind in flower that we saw is distinct in my mind. It shot from the stem ~~a~~ about an angle of ~~60~~ 70°

Stanley's drawing is still with Dr. Torrey, I have not seen it since in California.

I have adopted your suggestions in regard to the pines in the forthcoming edition of my notes.

I have also inserted all the additions you have made to your appendix, but I have no control

over the printer who will do as they please, and it corrections are made it is purely as a matter of favour to me personally

I will never offer another work to be printed & expect unless they give me the control of it.

The Fouquieria was found in bloom as stated, not in the mountains of California, but at the base, in a valley of sand, with warm southern exposure, he found near the same place growing near a warm spring, two or three of the cabbage Trees of the South.

The cereus greggii as drawn by Stanly is to the best of my recollection a very perfect drawing. You will see on the map of that date Nov 21st a chain of hills ~~two~~ terminating very abruptly at the river. But they were at no place within our usual circuit more than 1000 or 1500 feet high. Now it is possible that Stanly might have plucked N.o 6 from some of these hights but not probable, our march was rapid & few even left the beaten track ~~for~~ of the guides for a great distance. The drawing I recollect was made on the spot. that is in camp when we halted the specimen being brought along that far.

The cereus Gigantens ~~may have~~ had as many as

21 Feb, but my recollection is 20. It was of a uniform green colour from top to bottom & in the nature of its substance much the same as the cactus Echinocereus &c &c.

Now of the Spines, I have called my recollection to its aid & if the plants had any, they must have been as you suggest near the top, or at least out of reach.

The fruit was nowhere seen on the plant. The season was too far advanced, and those evidences of the fruit we did see on the ground beneath the trees were in a very decayed state.

Every one of the party I carried here with me, except a few of the men, are still in California, and also many of my notes & memoranda, so you will see therefore under what disadvantage I labour in recalling to mind any facts which were not noted by myself in person, & which were not registered in the note brought home by me.

As soon as I see the specimens they will be sent, and I will also send any information I may be able to collect in answer to the questions put by You in yr letter of the 1st Sept.

I remain my dear sir with sincere regard yr ob. st.

W. H. Emory

Dr. Engelmann

On Ff. business

J. J. Abert
Col. Corps T.E.

Dr. George Engelmann
St Louis
Missouri

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Rec'd Oct 30th
Ans Dec 7
Ex Jan 27

Southgate N.C.
Oct 20th 1848

My dear Sir,

Major Swords who was with us in our expedition, chanced to be present when I received your last note. I stated to him all I had written you in reference to the Cereus Giganteus, he observed closely that remarkable plant, and agrees with me in all the particulars I have written in reference to it, with the exception of the spines. He is quite certain it bore long sharp spines on the opposed edges of the grooves. These grooves were deep and well defined. He informs me he cut down with an axe one of these plants and that it was throughout of the consistency which I have described, and that a large quantity of colourless fluid ran from the incision. Your description of this

mountain and of the cacti generally has been received with great interest, and I greatly regret the data furnished you was so limited.

Dr Torrey has not yet sent the specimens of Cactus. The moment he does I will forward them with such notes & reflections as occur to me.

There is only a remote possibility of my getting the Boundary, should I do so, I assure I would not venture over that district again without consulting you in reference to the objects of ~~research~~ interest to which I should turn my attention and the mode of doing it. In the mean time I shall be very glad if you will prepare for me a set of instructions in reference to the cacti &c and should I not go myself I will endeavour to enlist the person that does go.

The Senate forgot to appropriate any copies of my work for me, the House gave 250, but these are not yet finished and there is little probability of their being published in many months. I will however endeavour to get a copy & send it in your name to Dr Gray.

Very truly Yrs
W H Emory

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No. April 16 15

Steamer Northerner off Cuba
March 4th 1849

My dear Sir
Your letter inclosing the memoranda in reference to the cactii followed me round & did not reach me until on the eve of embarking at New York. I thank you my sincerely for it & will direct special attention to the subjects of inquiries indicated by you

I have been unable to learn from our friend Dr. Torrey if any of the cactus seed left with him have grown, nor have I been able to learn why the dry specimens were never forwarded you. The probability is they were not considered of sufficient distinctness to be of any botanic service.

Other influences than a desire to promote science Messrs & Dr. Halsted I am sorry to say were not opposited to my command.

My orders & the facilities extended, confine me rigidly to the most economical & feasible operations connected with tracing the Boundary, but I do not despair of getting a Geologist & Botanist attached some time in the progress of the work.

I remain with my sincere regard. Yr. Obt. Servt.
W. H. Emory

Dr. Engelmann

(over)

Have I just sent you an order for ~~one of the~~ twenty
copies of my report. If not, pray accept the
order on the other side. You can get the
books thro your representative or any
friend who will call on the clerk of
the House in Washington

I suspect they are of the House
edition, which is full of errors and the
[illegible] not corrected.

Of the Senate edition which
is the last & most correct, I was unable
to procure one single copy; by some
oversight of my friends, it was omitted in
the resolutions to give me any copies

Please count all the errors
you see before sending any copy abroad,
noting the mistakes and
particularly the plate of the Foguiera
Spinosa, which should be latered.

Steamer Northerner at Sea
March 8th 1849

The Honble W. Lambdin
Clerk of the House of Repts

Dear Sir; Please deliver to the
order of my friend Dr Engelmann
of St Louis twenty Copies of my Re
port, of the number due me, & Reso
lution of the House (date forgotten)
Very Respectfully Yr. Obt. W. A. Sumner
Bvt Major
U.S. Army

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Rec'd May 29th
Ans Sept 7th

Jamaica Pasar Est Stat
April 20th 1850

Dear Dear

I had occasion to detach a party on duty led at to traverse a portion of the region pass-ed over by me in 1846–7 and took advantage of it to send along my young and promising friend Dr Parry, the Botanist of the Com mission. I placed in his hands a copy of the requisite data prepared by you at my request to be made in reference to the Cactaceæ, and called his attention particularly to supplying the data required for a more complete description of the Cereus Giganteus for the purpose of furnishing you with the same.

Enclosed is Dr Parry's letter to me and notes on the subject, which I transmit for your information, and request you will now complete the description of the plant, and if you are at this time publishing any thing, that you will publish the description in it or send the same to Silliman's journal or any other periodical you may select for publication as I am desirous this should be done at the earliest moment to prevent being anticipated by others.

Mrs: Abright who is also with me, tells me the fruit figured No: 6 on the plate described by you on my report as Cereus Greggii, is entirely correct, so that in any further notice, you may take it as you may safely leave out the "provided the drawing is correct."

I have directed several boxes of Cacti to be made up for you, but the difficulty of transportation is so great I feel much loth to know how to send them.

It is possible Penny may go home via Saint Louis, if so one of his chief gratifications will be an interview with you.

I remain Dear Sir
Very truly Your Ob't Serv't.
W. H. Emory

Dr. G. Engelman

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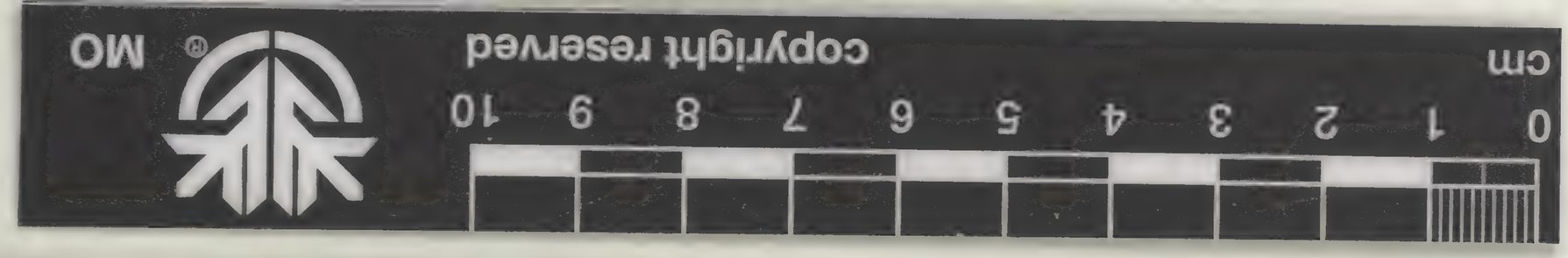

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Rec - April 15th
Ans April 26

Washington April 6 - 1853

My dear Sir,

I have not answered your kind letter sooner, because until very recently the business of the Boundary Commission has been in such a state of disorganization & confusion that I could say nothing that was certain or satisfactory.

Things have assumed now a more definite form but I yet have to struggle to get the necessary means to illustrate & bring out the natural history part of our labours.

Our plan at present is this. To issue a bulletin from the Smithsonian Institute, nothing in a scientific way at the new discoveries in plants, animals, fossils &c for the purpose of securing priority, and when the whole shall be completed to publish a work after the manner of Owens report, embodying full descriptions & ~~illustrations~~ of every thing which will so to illustrate the physical geography of the Zone of country embraced in the Survey.

Should the Smithsonian Institute not be able from the want of funds to publish the bulletin it proposed to publish the memoranda in Silliman's

Journal.

Now in furtherance of this plan I propose to You to send to me such notices as you wish published at once, provided it be sent before the 1st May. If after that time it is proposed that you send the paper to Professor Baird of the Smithsonian Institute, or I shall have here for the bird at that time.

I also have to suggest further that your elaborate and finished description be completed and sent to me at this place before the next meeting of Congress. I propose to be here at that time and to go before congress with our manuscript and illustrations and ask for an appropriation to publish the work in a manner which will be no disgrace to the country or those engaged in the work. Your paper will of course form a separate chapter and appear under your name, and you will have the correction of all the proof sheets.

I seem from every quarter, to which the collection have been referred testimonials of their richness and exceeding interest, and I doubt not I shall be able to get from Congress an appropriation to publish the work in a suitable manner.

Wishing you my dear Sir continued health & usefulness I remain Your friend
W. H. Emory

St. George Engelmann

A resolution was introduced into the Senate Tuesday

to give to others, the publication of this work, but it was killed stone dead by my friends.

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Rec'd Nov 10th

Ans Nov 26

Bismarck Nov 5

My dear Dr

Yr note of April 26th reached here after I left and has been following me along the line back to this place. This will account to you for my not answering it sooner.

If you can employ a person to figure the new species, under Dr Thompson plan do so at once. I will pay the same for plate or sheet as Dr Gray pays for the Eq. Eq. What that is I cannot now say but will write you as soon as I receive ascertain.

Whenever you are ready to publish
please send your papers to me
and I will hand them over to
the Smithsonian, and see
that you get the proof sheets
regularly.

I remain with
great regard
Yours truly
W. H. Emory

Dr Engelmann Washington Nov 5th 1853

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Washington

Janry: 12th 1854

My dear Sir

Mr Schott has read me the extract from your note in reference to the price to be paid for the drawings or rather the lithographs.

Dr Torrey is getting his plants engraved on stone for eight dollars the plate. The drawings from which these engravings are made were by Prioux at the same price. If you have a drawing made before having it engraved on stone please preserve the orginal drawing.

I send you a sheet herewith representing the size of the paper on which we propose to publish.

It is proper to state that no appropriation has yet been made for engraving but the Secretary of the Interior has recommended one in his annual message and I think it will pass.

Mr Schott will send you the materials you desire by

Adams express, prepaid.

I remain very truly yours
W. H. Brown

Dr George Engelmann
St Louis

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Rec: April 6th
Ans Aug 15th

Charleston March 29th 1854

My dear Doctor,

I shewed your letter to our Commissioner General Campbell and he approves the agreement made with the draughtsman, and will let us ask the amount estimated by you $300 for his payment. I send you herewith some blank accounts, and when you think proper to make payment please state the bill in this blank account and forward it to Genl Campbell who is in this city, and the amount will be remitted to you by mail.

Schott will write you to day. He sent the specimens intended for you to D. Torrey some time since, and says Torrey informed him he had forwarded them.. He has notice to send you which he promises me to complete in one week. The living specimens, now with the pantheon gardner he will send as soon as the cold weather is over.

The ground assumed by Mr. Thurber is

wholly untenable. He and W. Bartlett cannot be permitted to use the public property for private purposes, under the plea that they object to having the material collected go into my report. It is the report of the Mass B.S. (on a not particularly by report, it is rather your report. The material they collected is of any value was collected at the public expense and if they see fit to withhold it, it should be at their own peril. I desire to use the information given me in your letter to lay before the Secretary of the Interior, who if I mistake not will find ample means of bringing these men to their senses.

I hope you will change your mind & come to the meeting of the Association (30th April) We expect to have a very lively and interesting one, and your presence is much desired.

I remain with great regard

Yours truly

W.H. Emory

I am in charge of the compilation & assembly of the P.R.R. Reports, and while I would do nothing to take from the pertinence of any of Bigelows discoveries, I can see no harm in using his

information to illustrate any points which has been
mooted on the U.S. Survey.

Yours
W.H.E.

Dr. George Engelmann
St Louis

I wrote to Maj. Long that Parker Rotter would furnish
25 to 30 plates for $300.– but not before Summer.

GEORGE ENGELMANN PLANTS
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Rec^d Sept 6^th
Ans Sept 8^th

Taunton Aug^st 30^th 1854

My dear Dorton,

I duplicate Capt Thom who I leave in charge of the office to say to you he wanted you pay the amount when you sent them on. Lieut Camp both has gone to London as Conduct and if you have drawn on him, can turn and it.

Tonney has contracted to have his plates engraved in Paris by the first artists at $20 p^r plate. Dan Rey charge 35 & 50. Are you willing that yours shall be done at the same place. De Caisne could superintend the proof.

You propose to double the size of one of the plates that of the Cereus Siganteus. Do so & so please.

I have signed a requisition for Capt Thom

for four Hundred dollars to be appropriated to your drawing &c. You say $300 will be as much as it absolutely necessary but would like more. I have therefore ~~directed~~ Lieut Ra son first named to be placed to your account.

Are You really in earnest about going to the Frontier? The Paul has already sailed from New York & I go overland to intercept them in a day or two. Dr Kennedy Ra Surgeon may die in New Orleans or Galveston where I see Ra Yellow fever ~~raging~~ is raging and if so You may depend the appointment. Only wish I could have supposed for a moment that such an idea was in your mind and You should have had the place in preference to any one else. Pauny got sick of the business & resigned and on the recommendation of Bvt Maj and other Savants about here

Gapp points D. Kennedy a young Gentleman
who until then was personally unknown
to me, but who is something of a Naturalist
a good Surgeon & has written Re
Continent nice.

Why did'nt you not mention
the thing sooner. I think it would
have been a grand affair for
You to go out there and see
Yourself Re aspects of nature in
that country which You have done
so much to illustrate.

I hope as it is, Your memoir will
be Re most complete of it's kind ever
Written in America. Nothing should
be wanting on my part or in Re
artistic execution of Re illustrations
Re money is appropriated for Re engravings
and Re best artists shall be selected
If you have any hints or wishes on Re
Subject of Re proper person to engrave
Your plates please express them.

Torrey & (Baird in Zoology) both
request to present memoirs & illustrations
before mine will be in Their hands.

I leave him on Monday for El Paso
via New Orleans & Galveston &c.
where I shall be glad to hear
from you.

Any thing in relation to your
accounts please address Capt
George Thom Corps Top. Engrs
in charge of B & Office
Charleston.

I remain faithfully
Yours
W H Emory

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